

REMARKS

With the entry of this amendment, claims 1-11, 13-21, 101, and 103-106 are pending. In the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, that claims 1-11, 13-21, 101, and 103-106 are allowed, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with *Ex parte* Quayle.

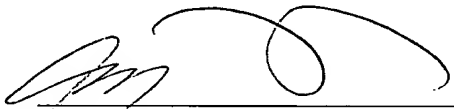
Applicants have amended the specification to update the status of the parent application to which the instant application claims priority. Applicants have also amended the specification to replace the abstract with one in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b). Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

No fee is believed due in connection with this amendment. In the event that a fee is owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0842 for such fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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